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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q65241

Shinichi HARA

Appln. No.: 09/894,008

Group Art Unit: 3752

Confirmation No.: 5699

Examiner: Lisa Ann DOUGLAS

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For: CLEANING NOZZLE AND CLEANING APPARATUS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

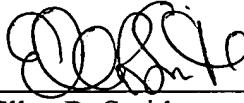
In response to the restriction requirement, dated February 24, 2003, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-21 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Additionally, Applicant is filing herewith a Preliminary Amendment.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 22-26.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A cleaning nozzle comprising:

an ejection nozzle portion having a minimum diameter portion and a trumpet-shaped portion formed by multiple inclined portions located upstream of said minimum diameter portion;

a gas ejection port formed along said multiple inclined portions and opened to an intermediate part of said trumpet-shaped portion;

another inclined portion having its inclination angle with respect to an axis of said ejection nozzle portion smaller than an ejection angle of said gas ejection port and interposed between said gas ejection port and said minimum diameter portion; and

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